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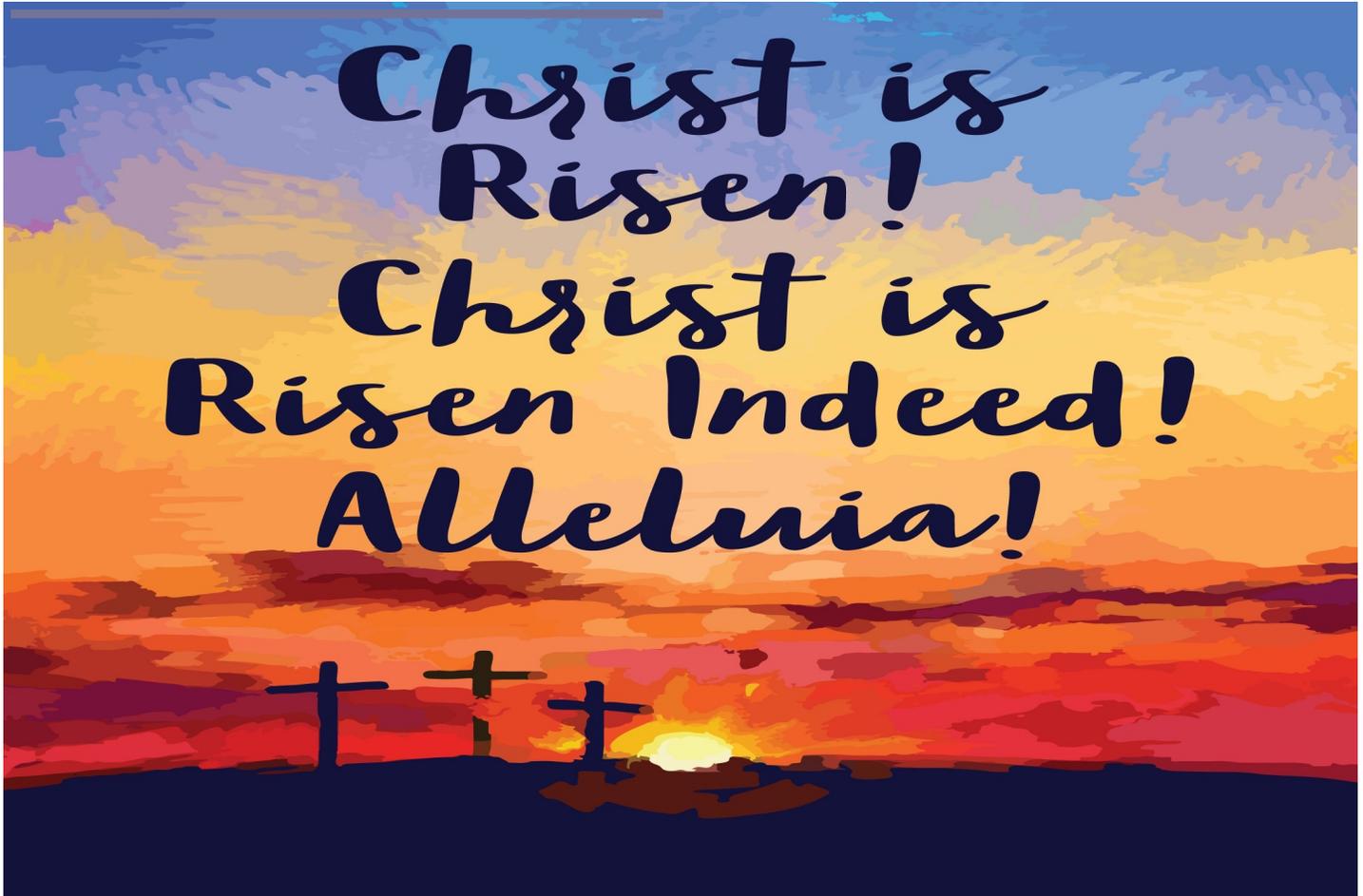
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HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY



He Is Risen!

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BIBLE STUDY



The Pastor's Wednesday afternoon and evening Bible Study Classes are recessed until further notice.

ARK ENCOUNTER



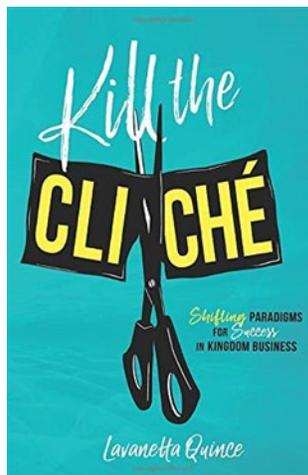
The Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Class is taking a "Road Trip" to Williamstown, Kentucky on **Friday, May 29, 2020** to visit the "Ark Encounter" (a real life replica of Noah's Ark). This is an overnight trip. To make hotel reservations, get ticket prices and additional information, please see Beverly Spann or Kimberly Seaton. Transportation by Motor Coach will be provided free of charge by Macedonia. Only a few more seats are available, so if you are interested in going, please see Sis. Seaton or Sis. Spann, as soon as possible. A fifty (\$50) dollar non-refundable deposit will secure your hotel reservation.

Ministry Day 2020 - has been postponed until further notice.



MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



With all thy getting, get understanding." ~ Proverbs 4:7. It's an undeniable truth that in society every culture, organization, and group will develop common phrases that reflect their beliefs. As such, the Christian community is no different. Over time, we have accumulated a wealth of

phrases that communicate our truest values—common language used by Believers to quickly articulate our understanding of God, His Word, and our relationship with Him—which are designed to bring well-needed solace, encouragement, and guidance on our path of faith. Unfortunately, we forget that our words have power and that if power lies in the tongue, then speaking clearly intensifies that potency. Therefore, church lingo shouldn't simply be a set of random words to our everyday woes; instead, they're meant to be a powerful source of reassurance for those who are graced... and a well of insight for those who desire to be a part of the Kingdom of God.

That is why, in *Kill the Cliché*, Lavanetta Quince, a young author from Pontiac, Michigan, she exposes some of the common clichés that have distorted our thinking and diminished the power of God from being manifested through our words, while exploring new language and concepts for personal growth and kingdom advancement. Now, it's time to get rid of the clichés, so that we can begin to walk in power. This paperback is available in our MBC Bible & Book Corner, and also on Amazon.

SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit www.mbcdet.com/media or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons.



Pastor Charles D. Twymon

-  March 1, 2020, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“The Shepherd, The Zookeeper and The Lion Tamer,” 1 Peter 5:1-4
Pastor Charles Twymon

-  March 8, 2020, 8:00 a.m.
“After 40 Years, What To Preach?”
I Kings 17:1-7
Pastor Raymond Willis
Victory Fellowship Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

-  March 8, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
“Reclaiming Our Time,” Joel 2:24-27
Pastor Jason Moseley
Aijalon Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

-  March 15, 2020, 8:00 a.m.
“A Moses-Like Leader”
Exodus 17:8-13
Rev. Terry Minor

-  March 15, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
“Straight Out The Hood,” John 1:43-46
Pastor Alex Hill
New Mt. Hermon Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

*God raised him up,
loosing the pangs of
death, because it was not
possible for him to
be held by it.*

ACTS 2:24, ESV



Sermons...continued

-  March 22, 2020, 8:00 a.m.
“Planted For Purpose,” Psalm 1:1-3
Pastor Robert Mills
Puritan Avenue Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

-  March 22, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
“For A Very Long Time”
Galatians 6:9
Pastor Jake Gaines
Synagogue Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

-  March 29, 2020, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Misplaced Fear,” Matthew 10:28-33
Pastor Charles Twymon



WHY YOUR DEBIT CARD IS THE LEAST SECURE WAY TO PAY FOR YOUR GOODS

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Chances are you pay for most everything with either a debit card or credit card. Whether it's your seamless order, your internet bill, or your morning cup of coffee, you likely pull out that piece of plastic and swipe without giving it a second thought.



In fact, according to the Federal Reserve's 2019 Federal Reserve

Payments Study, total card payments grew to 131.2 billion transactions in 2018, totaling \$7.08 trillion. That's up from 29.7 billion transactions totaling \$1.56 trillion in 2015.

But that simple swipe can open you up to a world of hurt. That's because magnetic stripes, the black bars on the back of your credit and debit cards, are among the least secure payment methods around, leaving you at risk of fraud.

And if you frequently use your debit card, you could end up giving criminals access to your bank account. That's because unlike credit cards, debit cards use money from your checking or savings account. And if a criminal drains your account, you could end up waiting days for your bank to reinstate your cash, leaving you high and dry.

The best way to stay safe? Use services like Apple (AAPL) Pay, Google (GOOG, GOOGL) Pay or Samsung Pay, which are among the most secure payments methods, if you can find them.

Magnetic stripe cards have been around for decades. And they've got their benefits. "The pro...is that you can pretty much use it anywhere," explained Paige Hanson, Chief of identity education at Norton LifeLock on payment security.

"But there is a lot of risk involved, because the magstripe itself, all of that credit card information is static, and it's unencrypted," she said.

Swipe cards are so fast and convenient because a lack of encryption makes them easy for point-of-sale terminals to quickly read and get you on your way. But that's also the biggest flaw.



When you swipe, the card reader gets a snapshot of your name, card number, and expiration date. If a criminal has installed a card skimmer in a point-of-sale terminal, they can extract all three of those pieces of information to make online or in-person purchases.

Source: Yahoo, Daniel Howlet, Dec. 24, 2019, <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/debit-card-secure-safety-181632813.html>

PASTOR TWYMON'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

By Gwendolynne Howell

On Sunday, March 22, 2020, Macedonia honored our beloved Pastor Charles D. Twymon for his 40 years of commitment and service to Macedonia Baptist Church.

Pastor James Jones, Pastor Claude May, and Pastor Raymond Willis were present at either the 8:00 or 11:00 service. Pastor Carl Livingston was unable to attend because he was on military duty in Rockford, Illinois.

Pastor Twymon, dressed in a tuxedo, was escorted into the 8:00 a.m. service by his granddaughter, Raven Twymon. He was escorted into the 11:00 a.m. service by his younger granddaughters, Kennedy and Madison Twymon dressed in identical floral dresses. First Lady Loraine Twymon was under the weather and unable to attend. The Mass Choir, directed by Pastor Willis, sang at both services. Pastor May officiated, beginning with a warm welcome and introducing the speakers at the eight o'clock and eleven o'clock services.

8:00 a.m. service began with *The Pastor's Biography* read by Sis. Mary Ann Windham and the *Pastoral Appreciation* delivered by his daughter, Candice Twymon.

The guest minister was Pastor Robert Mills of Puritan Ave. Baptist Church. His sermon was titled "*Planted For Purpose*," Psalm 1:1-3.

Pastor Mills referenced the man who does not walk, stand, nor sit with the ungodly, a comparison to Pastor Twymon who refrains from deliberately becoming involved with those who will not adhere to the Word of God in speech or action. He is like the tree who is planted and not placed, to become foundation connected, strong, sturdy and steadfast. Nourished in the Word, he knows his purpose is to provide shelter and covering in life's storms to those seeking salvation. Pastor Mills closed with a message to his friend to keep standing on God's Word and promises.

The 11:00 a.m. service began with Pastor May asking the congregation to stand, point to Pastor Twymon and say, "We thank you for still standing but not standing still." This generated a standing ovation by the congregation. Sis. Joi Danforth read *The Pastor's Biography*. Sis. Michele Petty read the *Pastoral Appreciation* in the absence of her mother and Pastor's aunt, Mother Audrey Watson, whose building is on lock-down. Even though Sis. Petty delivered the appreciation, they were the actual words of Mother Watson.

Our guest minister was Pastor Jake Gaines of Synagogue Baptist Church. A dynamic, educated, scholarly and very impressive speaker. His sermon was titled, "*For A Very Long Time*," Galatians 6:9. Throughout his message he emphasized the significance of the number 40, which is a special number that describes the journey; it represents a very long time. For example, Jesus wandered in the wilderness and fasted for 40 days. 40 years of leading others, including his wife and family and his willingness to make sacrifices; 40 years of trials and tribulations. He described Pastor Twymon as a friend and colleague, a mentor and great preacher "for a very long time." He also saluted First Lady Loraine Twymon for 40 years of being by his side. Above all, Pastor loves God! "I love you man. I salute you for doing this for 40 years".

Pastor May thanked the 40th Anniversary Committee—the Twymon children, who were responsible for selecting the guests. They did an outstanding job selecting such dynamic speakers.

Macedonia preachers, Rev. Bell, Rev. Register, Rev. Davis, Rev. Shumate, and Rev. Minor expressed their appreciation to Pastor Twymon with remarks and gifts.

Pastor Gaines remarked that Pastor Twymon may never know the number of people he has touched and encouraged through the years because of his excellence and commitment.

Pastor Twymon thanked the Macedonia ministers, the 40th Anniversary Committee, and everyone for making the sacrifice to be here, stressing the need to come together to pray and repent. After the service we were treated to a delicious catered meal.



THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

Imagine that you had won the following ***PRIZE*** in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say: "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted - right?
Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for.
Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...

Shocked ??? YES!
Each of us is already a winner of this ***PRIZE***. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is ***TIME***

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

**Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.
Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.**

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending.

Source: Anonymous





Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

Pastor: *Reverend Charles D. Twymon*

The Sunday School Ministry invites you, your family and friends to enjoy the wonderful lessons that can be applied to your everyday life. The list of lessons for April 2020 includes the following:

The Promised Saviour

Date	Lesson	Scripture
April 5	The Lowly King	Zechariah 9:9-17

Easter

April 12	The One Revealed in Scripture	Luke 24:13-27, 30-32
April 19	Victory of the Lord's Anointed	Psalms 2:1-12
April 26	The Chief Cornerstone	Psalms 118:14-29

Bible Quiz

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)



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"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9



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Our Deepest Sympathy

To Our Macedonia Family who have lost loved ones, we are praying for your healing, comfort, strength and peace during this painful time.



THERE THEY
CRUCIFIED
HIM,

AND WITH HIM TWO OTHERS, ONE ON EITHER SIDE,
WITH JESUS BETWEEN THEM. JOHN 19:18, NRSV